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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/10 of 26 October 1999, by which it granted observer status to the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and considered it mutually advantageous to provide for cooperation between the United Nations and the Community, as well as its resolutions 59/21 of 8 November 2004, 61/223 of 20 December 2006 and 63/143 of 11 December 2008,

Recalling also the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular of Chapter VIII, that encourage activities through regional cooperation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations, and Security Council resolution 1809 (2008) of 16 April 2008 on peace and security in Africa,

Considering that the activities of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries complement and support the work of the United Nations,

Recognizing the importance of duly reflecting the relevance of the Portuguese language in the work of the United Nations,

Welcoming the celebration by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, for the fifth consecutive year, of Portuguese Language Day, on 12 May 2010,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the outcome of the eighth Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Luanda on 23 July 2010, under the theme "Solidarity in the diversity of the lusophone space", which emphasizes its cultural diversity and socio-economic development, the importance of solidarity in the political and diplomatic arenas, aid to development and the promotion and dissemination of the Portuguese language,

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which is a unifying factor among the eight States members of the Community and their 240 million inhabitants whose official language is Portuguese;

2. *Stresses the importance* of reinforcing synergies between the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the specialized agencies and other United Nations entities and programmes and regional and subregional organizations that have a direct impact on Portuguese-speaking countries;

3. *Expresses satisfaction* with the strengthening of cooperation between the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the specialized agencies and other United Nations entities and programmes, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the International Labour Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the World Health Organization and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS;

4. *Welcomes* the signature of a cooperation agreement between the Executive Secretariat of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, in June 2009, to jointly develop and implement capacity-building and training projects in the fields of human rights, the environment, public administration and leadership training for young people;

5. *Also welcomes* the signature of two memorandums of understanding related to the health sector between the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the United Nations system, namely the World Health Organization, on 18 January 2010, to provide technical support for the implementation of the Community's Strategic Health Cooperation Plan, and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, on 17 March 2010, which outlines the terms and conditions for cooperation between the two organizations with the aim of ensuring universal access to prevention, treatment and care, in accordance with the objectives of the Community's Strategic Health Cooperation Plan 2009-2012 and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Outcome Framework 2009-2011;

6. *Further welcomes* the signature of the Protocol against Desertification between the Executive Secretariat of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, on 5 November 2009, in Istanbul, Turkey, with a view to, among other objectives, establishing a platform for joint action and cooperation to combat desertification, soil deterioration, drought and water shortages by supporting the efforts of States members of the Community to address the root causes of this problem through the implementation of the Convention;

7. *Notes with appreciation* the signature of the memorandum of understanding between the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the Alliance of Civilizations, in April 2009 in Istanbul, whereby the Community is to promote the objectives and activities of the Alliance;

8. *Recognizes the importance* of the decision of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, taken in Luanda in May 2009, to create centres of excellence for the training of trainers in the area of peacekeeping operations, with a view to continuing and, where possible, further enhancing the contributions of States members of the Community to United Nations peacekeeping operations;

9. *Notes with appreciation* the approval of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries' strategic workplan for the oceans, in March 2010, which will allow for a better interaction on sea matters with entities of the United Nations system, namely the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

10. *Acknowledges* the relevance of the inaugural meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Sao Tomé in April 2009 and of the second meeting, held in Lisbon in March 2010;

11. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the international community to consolidate political stability in Guinea-Bissau, and recognizes the positive role played by the Peacebuilding Commission in this regard;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries"